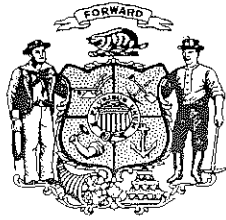


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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative Robin Vos

Date: January 3, 2011

Re: DCF Report to JFC

Attached is a report on child care automated attendance tracking system (AATS) from the Department of Children and Families.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Dear Senator Miller and Representative Pocan:

This letter provides the Department of Children and Families' first quarterly report to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) regarding the child care automated attendance tracking system (AATS). Information in this report is for activity through November 30, 2010.

Actual costs of operating AATS during the previous quarter: \$188,710 paid to vendor for initial development of the pilot phase of the project.

Status of Statewide implementation: The Department has selected a vendor to provide AATS services. Implementation of a pilot of the AATS system will begin in February 2011.

Number of child care providers added to AATS: Not applicable. Pilot will not begin until February 2011, with between 10 and 15 providers taking part in the pilot from the following counties: Milwaukee, Waukesha, Kenosha, Dane, Dodge and Washington.

Cumulative number of child care providers included in AATS: Not applicable

Successes and challenges experienced in implementation: The Department is working with the vendor on the design phase of the AATS pilot. Outreach to pilot providers began in late October and the first round of onsite visits to provider locations began in mid November. Onsite visits will continue through December. The Department is currently reviewing its policies and procedures to ensure consistency with implementation of AATS.

Thank you for the opportunity to share information on the status of the AATS initiative.

Sincerely,

Reggie Bicha
Secretary

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